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In re Application of:)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD)	
AND APPARATUS	:	December 21, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed, except for the U.S. Patent Documents.

Each of the listed documents was cited in an Office Action dated September 25, 2007, issued from the Japanese Patent Office, in connection with a counterpart Japanese application. A copy of that Office Action is enclosed.

For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents, JPA 2003-101793 and 2003-143413, the Examiner is referred to the English-language abstracts attached thereto, as well as to counterpart U.S. Patents 7,257,264 and 7,194,140, respectively.

Each foreign patent document in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

To the best of Applicants' knowledge, an Office Action on the merits has not yet been received. While no fee is believed to be due in connection with this paper, please charge any fee that may be due to our Deposit Account No. 503939.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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